



# WISE UP

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\*\*\*\*\* REMINDER - WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL \*\*\*\*\*

## Heads Up

Reports will be sent home on Friday 28 February

## Key Dates

- **Special Mention Assembly** on Friday at 2.30 pm
- **School re-opens** Monday 24 February



## Thought of the Week

'In order to succeed, we must first believe we can.'

Nikos Kazantzakis

## Inclusion Day

### School Values – Respect and Compassion

Last Friday was our third annual Inclusion Day and every class studied different needs, disabilities and differences. These included Autism, visual impairment and dyslexia. We aimed to emphasise uniqueness as well as similarity between all people (and to have fun learning about it!) We are proud to be a highly inclusive school, and we're also proud of how confidently our children speak about their own needs, differences and similarities. (We now have a percentage on our Special Educational Needs (SEN) Register well above the national average). Thanks to all of you who attended a touching and informative parent-sharing assembly on Friday and to Miss Haigh who supported the teachers to organise the day.

*'Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble'.*

(1 Peter 3:8)



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## Website Updates

We've updated our website in recent weeks including information (under 'About Us' and then 'Curriculum') on every subject area in our curriculum, written by the subject leader for each subject. This includes our Curriculum Aims as well as long term planning for each year group. We've also added a tab for our amazing new School Values Song, including the backing track and words! Please help your child to access it so they can share the song with you!



## Judo Day & Tennis Coaching

Over the last week the children have enjoyed tennis and judo sessions in every class with inclusive games as well as some exciting judo holds and throws! Thanks to Mrs Fogg for organising this extra provision.

## STEM Learning

### School Value - **Creativity**

Since Mrs Fogg took part in some national training we have been able to develop some STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) provision:

The 'STEM Engineering club' takes place on Tuesday afternoons with Mr Moffat, where small groups of children work as a team to build and programme robots/machines and enjoy learning with technology. This is an inclusive project in which the children are investigating an answer to a broad question: *Can 'green energy' be more efficient in Eco houses than battery powered energy? Can a programmable solar powered machine (renewable energy), programmable tidal machine (renewable energy), and programmable wind turbine (renewable energy) power a robotic lawnmower more efficiently than a battery powered machine?*

Our STEM partner, 'Citu' (company based in Leeds) is looking forward to working with our children and hearing all about this amazing opportunity.

This provision will initially be available to small groups, with the resources later being available to the whole school.

## World Book Day – 5<sup>th</sup> March (Dress as a Word!)

### School Value - **Creativity**

On Thursday 5th March of March it's World Book Day. This year we would like to invite children to dress up as a word. There is a growing amount of research about the importance of vocabulary development with some quite disturbing trends recently:

*At least 40% of pupils in schools lack the vocabulary to access learning, Children with a poor vocabulary at five are four times more likely to struggle with reading in adulthood, Vocabulary is a huge predictor of how far children from any background will succeed at school and beyond.*

So to expand our vocabulary and develop our understanding of words, we would like children to be as imaginative as possible and dress up as a word. We have attached some ideas for you however I am sure you will have many more sensational words that will help us close that gap.





### Litter Picking

We hope you've noticed a significant reduction in litter in the playground over the last two weeks as one of our Eagle Owls children has been out and about litter picking. He noticed the large number of discarded milk cartons in the infants, collected them and then shared them with Little, Elf and Barn classes. Since then the number left outside has dropped significantly! We'll continue on this push to keep school tidy, inside and out!



### Fairtrade Fortnight

It's Fairtrade Fortnight starting from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February and our Fairtrade Banana Bunch will be in action promoting fair trade across the two weeks. On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> our cook, Emma Pipes, has volunteered to bake a round of Fairtrade Flapjacks for a one-off **morning break tuckshop**. Delicious flapjack will be on sale for 50p per slice with the proceeds going to The Fairtrade Foundation.

### E-Safety Day



E-safety Day 2020 was aimed at Protecting your Child's Online Identity. This year's topic was 'Free to be me'. At the beginning of the day there was a whole school assembly to address what the day was about (on 11th Of February 2020). This was led by Miss Middlebrook and the new school Digital Leaders, Tommy Thornton, Livia Brown, Henry Preston, Caitlin Lyons, Oscar Parry and Phoebe Jackson. The Digital Leaders addressed the idea of E-safety and introduced the theme of the day to the children. The Digital leaders then went round delivering different activities to each class to raise awareness of internet dangers, with different scenarios and how to respond to them. They also launched a competition to design a school poster to promote e-safety and to design their own avatar. By Tommy Thornton (Year 5)

### Church School/Collective Worship Questionnaire

Please keep sending in your completed questionnaires. Your feedback helps us to keep improving.

### **Going Home Arrangements**

Parents/carers must advise school if any other person is picking your child up after school. This is the case whether your child is in Reception or in Year 6. Thank you.

### **Cricket**

Hillam & Monk Fryston Cricket Club are looking for new players across a range of age groups to join their super friendly squads. Players can join from as young as 5 years old.

Please register your interest by emailing [juniorcricket@hmfcc.co.uk](mailto:juniorcricket@hmfcc.co.uk)



## **Our Christian Vision**

We are:

Creative      Resilient

Truthful      Compassionate

Respectful      Teamwork